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The Greensboro Public Library Children's Services Newsletter

January is named for the Roman god, Janus. Janus had two faces, one looking forward and one looking back. It must have made eating very difficult.



Outdoor Adventures

Winter Treats for the Birds

Invite birds to your yard by stringing garlands of tasty treats in your trees. Lots of birds like fruit such as cranberries, apple slices, and oranges sliced thin and strung through with twine.



You can add unsalted, unbuttered popcorn, dates, and raisins to the garlands as well.

Your whole family can also participate in the Christmas Bird Count. Check out the Audubon website for more information:

<http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>

At Your Library

December 12—Christmas Around the World—Hear stories, make ornaments and have a St. Lucia's Swedish snack. 4-5pm Kathleen Clay Edwards

December 20—Winter Wonderland – Enjoy a holiday extravaganza with Christmas stories, crafts, refreshments and more. 3.30 pm Benjamin.

December 27 – Kwanzaa Karamu – Celebrate Kwanzaa and enjoy refreshments and special activities. 6-8 pm Vance Chavis.

January 15 - I Have a Dream—Celebrate Martin Luther King's Birthday with crafts and activities. 3.30pm The Children's Room

January 22 – Science Fun- "School's Out Special" – 2pm Hemphill

January 30 Kid'z Krew: Pre-Super Bowl Party! Wear your favorite team's colors, enjoy snacks, learn cool football facts. 3.30pm Vance Chavis



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IT'S SHOWTIME!

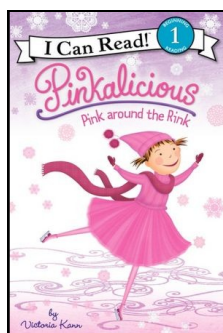
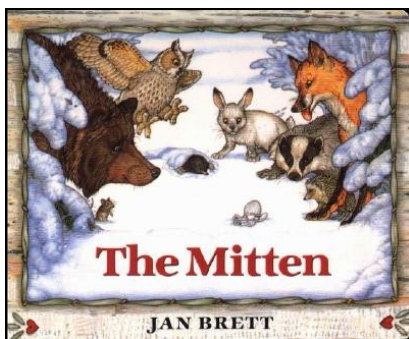
Did you miss the "X-Factor Auditions" when they came to Greensboro? Do you still think you have what it takes to be a star? If you want to sharpen your skills so you're ready when your big break comes, here are some resources that the Greensboro Public Library has available:

You Can Sing: Interactive Vocal Lessons for Beginners
DVD 783.04 You

Careers in Focus. Performing Arts 791.023 F14

You can even download music with Freegal, our newest online database.

Ok, now you'll be ready, the next time there is a search for local talent. Good luck and do Greensboro proud!



Books for Winter Reading

The Mitten— Brett (J398)

One Mitten— George (E)

A Mountain of Mittens— Plourde (E)

Pinkalicious: Pink Around the Rink—Kann (EASY)

Winter Mittens -Tim Arnold (J)

Hockey Meltdown – Maddox (J)

Twelve Kinds of Ice – Obed J)

Double Twist – King (J)

Ice Magic – Christopher (J)

The Mitten Cover Art by Jan Brett. *Pinkalicious* Cover Art by Victoria Kann

THE BOOK BAG

Magritte's Marvelous Hat, by D.B. Johnson

A playful and imaginative adventure featuring Surrealist painter, Rene Magritte, here represented as a dog (he would probably like that). A floating hat, odd repetitions and clever overlays add to the fun. This is not only a good way to get reacquainted with one of modern art's best loved painters, it's also an amusing book with a perfect ending.

Review by Jim Young, 2012

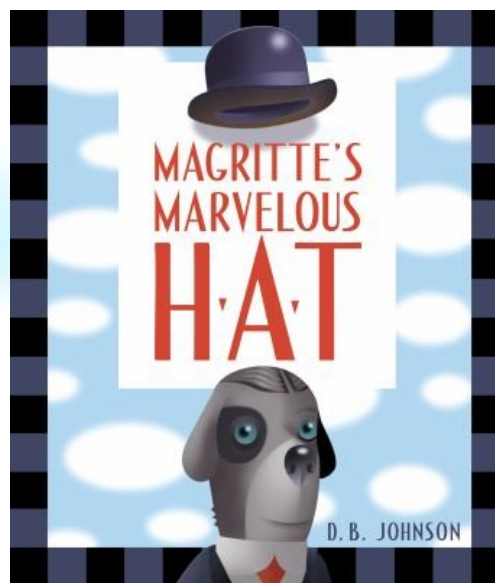


Illustration by D.B. Johnson

What do you get when you
cross a snowman and a
vampire?

JUST FOR FUN!

What do you call a snowman in
the summer?



A puddle.



Frostbite.

January 31 is Backwards Day!



Just be careful, if you walk backwards.
Eat backwards, talk backwards.

On December 14, 1911, the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen (along with 4 other guys and 50 sled dogs) discovered the South Pole, something people had been trying to find for a long time.



Mitten Song- Mittens Feel so Nice-
sung to the tune of Row , Row, Row Your Boat

Warm, warm, warm and snug-

Mittens feel so nice!

So grab a pair in chilly air

Or in the snow and ice !



In the Land of Ice and Snow

Up North, in the land of ice and snow
Where the freezing, cold winds blow
Lives a bear who is quite a sight –
In her suit of fluffy white.
She can swim, and
She says, “Grrrrrr.”
What is the name for her?

Answer: *POLAR BEAR*



Down South, in the land of ice and snow
Where the freezing, cold winds blow
Lives a bird who is quite a sight

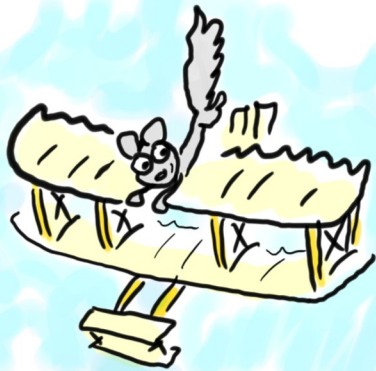
In his suit of black and white.
He can't fly, but he can swim.
What is the name for him?

Answer: *PENGUIN*

By Brandon Bensley



Jumble Fun



This poetry form can be said in one breath and is celebrated on December 22nd.

UKHIA = _____

This famous civil rights activist once said, "I Have a Dream" – we celebrate his life and dream every year on the third Monday in January. GINK = _____

Old Yeller, Winn Dixie and Ribsy can be called one of these. There's a day to celebrate these dogs on December 2nd.

STUMT = _____

Some may think it is nuts, but there's a national appreciation day for this bushy-tailed tree dweller on January 21st. QUSIRERL = _____

This is the last name of the brothers who got flight right. We celebrate them on December 17th. THRIWG = _____

This is something you may light, whether you're celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa. NCAELD = _____

We'll be celebrating the start of a new one of these at midnight on December 31. REYA = _____



Green Activities

Holiday Paper Chains

Use to decorate for a winter holiday or special occasion. Old-fashioned paper chains are not only festive, but they are a fun way for your children to improve their cutting skills and learn how to use a stapler. What You Need: Scrap paper (old wrapping paper looks bright), scissors, stapler, ruler



Help children use the ruler to mark lengths of paper about 2 inches wide. Cut out the strips, and cut each long strip into 8 inch lengths. Take the first piece and fold it over to form a loop and then staple. Remind them to always use the stapler flat on a table and press it down hard with both hands until they hear two clicks. Learning to staple needs a lot of hand strength, so help them practice and be patient. Next, they put another piece of paper through the loop and staple, do this again and again, until the chain is as long as you need or as long as their interest lasts. Hang up the paper chains together and admire their hard work.

Winter Science Activity: Does it sink or float? Freeze or melt?

What you need: Old shoelace, 9 inch disposable pie tin, water, 1 orange, 1 small bag of fresh cranberries, natural materials for interest



Fill pie pan with water. Fold shoelace in half and place ends across the center of the pie pan and the loop outside the pan. Cut up the orange in quarters and place in the pan. These will sink. Place a small bag of fresh cranberries in the pan. These will float. You can also add evergreen leaves or other natural materials to add interest. Set the pan outside over night when it will freeze.

When the water has frozen, remove the ice from the tin. Hang up for the birds to eat. Your child will see the ice melting if the temperatures rise above freezing.

